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In re Application of

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For:

USE OF SMALL MOLECULE COMPOUNDS FOR

**IMMUNOPOTENTIATION** 

## PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herewith request a five-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 11, 2005 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Enclosed please find a check to cover the five-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1664. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

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